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E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. UNDP ADVISOR WORKING CLOSELY WITH GON HAS APPROACHED ADO/ NIAMEY TO INQUIRE INFORMALLY IF EARTH IMAGERY MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH FORTHCOMING CENSUS OF NIGER'S POPULATION, WHICH UNDP IS HELPING FINANCE. BECAUSE OF LARGELY ILLITERATE POPULATION, VAST DISTANCES AND MINIMAL STAFF TRAINED IN CENSUS OPERATIONS, GON IS CONSIDERING PLAN TO COUNT HOUSES (VILLAGES HUTS) SINCE CORRELATION BETWEEN POPULATION AND HOUSING IS VERY HIGH. UNDP EXPERT HAS ASKED IF EARTH SATELLITE IMAGERY COULD HAVE COUNT OF HOUSING. IF SO, IT WOULD REPRESENT CONSIDERABLE SAVING OVER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, WHICH IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED. WE INFORMED UNDP ADVISOR WE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT ERTS IMAGERY WILL DISTINGUISH FEATURES HAVING A DAMETER OF ONLY 100 METERS OOR MORE. THIS IS ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY SMALL VILLAGES AND FARM FIELDS BUT NOT ENOUGH TO COUNT HOUSES. IF OUR IMPRESSION IS CORRECT, ERTS IMAGERY WILL NOT MEET GON PURPOSES. HOWEVER, WE ARE ALSO UNDER IMPRESSION THAT OTHER SATELLITE IMAGERY MAY BE AVAILABLE WITH HIGH IMAGE DEFINITION. IF ERTS IMAGERY IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSE, EMBASSY AND RDO URGE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE AVAILABILITY OF HIGHER DEFINITION IMAGERY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GON FOR SUCH PEACEFUL AND IMPORTANT PURPOSES AS COUNTING PEOPLE. CENSUS IS BADLY NEEDED IN

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NIGER AND WOULD BE OF IMMENSE BENEFIT TO MANY US AGENCIES

INVOLVED IN DROUGHT AND DROUGHT-RELATED REHABILITATION AND
DEVELOPMENT EFFORT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: CLARIFICATION WHETHER SATELLITE
IMAGERY IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT.HECK

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